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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Bruck Kifle, Ph.D
Group Art Unit : 1624
Applicants : David Bebbington, et al.
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For : CARBAMATE CASPASE INHIBITORS AND
USES THEREOF

Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the June 28, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the period for responding to that Action for three (3) months, from September 28, 2004 up to and including December 28, 2004 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3).

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Kindly cancel claims 1-21, 23-35, and 38 without prejudice.

Kindly amend claims 22 and 36-37.

Kindly add claims 39-80.

Pursuant to the revised amendment format of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, applicants have enclosed herewith a copy of the claims indicating the canceled, amended and added claims in the Claim Amendment section below: